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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: KLM ISSUE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS TO MINISTER TRANSPORT WESTERTERP:

I HAVE REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSION IN AMSTERDAM
ON APRIL 30 AND BELIEVE THAT, WHILE THERE ARE SOME
IMPORTANT MATTERS OF NUANCE TO RESOLVE, WE MAY BE ABLE TO
WORK OUT A "TRUCE," AS YOU SUGGESTED. THE BEST WAY TO GO
ABOUT THIS, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD BE FOR EACH SIDE TO ISSUE
UNILATERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD, BETWEEN THEM,
CONTAIN THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE TRUCE. OUR EMBASSY
WILL GIVE YOU TEXT OF A POSSIBLE US STATEMENT AND LIST
OF PROPOSED POINTS THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE DUTCH
STATEMENT. WE WOULD HOPE SOON TO RECEIVE FROM YOU A FULL
DRAFT OF A POSSIBLE DUTCH STATEMENT, TOGETHER WITH ANY
COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE DRAFT OF THE US STATEMENT.
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THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS I SHOULD MAKE IN THIS REGARD:

A. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE OR
IMPLY IN THE U.S. STATEMENT; THAT THE KLM CAPACITY

REDUCTIONS SHOWN IN THE PAPER YOU GAVE ME ON A,RIL 30
ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG OR THAT THEY REPRESENT
"SIGNIFICANT" REDUCTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE U.S.
STATEMENT. WE CAN, HOWEVER, REMAIN SILENT ON THIS
QUESTION, BUT ONLY IF YOUR STATEMENT DOES NOT IMPLY OR
STATE AGREEMENT TO A REDUCTION OR THAT YOUR REDUCTION
IS SIGNIFICANT.

B. IT WOULD ALSO NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO SAY EXPLICIT-
LY THAT THE USG WILL "NOT TAKE ANY UNILATERAL ACTION
AGAINST KLM PENDING THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE U.S. POLICY
REVIEW." HOWEVER, AS YOU WILL SEE, WHEN BOTH THE U.S.
AND DUTCH STATEMENTS ARE READ TOGETHER, SUCH A CONCLUSION
CAN BE INFERRED AND WOULD, IN FACT, BE INTENDED.

C. IT IS IMPORTANT FROM OUR VIEWPOINT THAT THE U.S.
STATEMENT MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF "A DECISION TO
RENEGOTIATE", ALTHOUGH WITHOUT SINGLING OUT THE
NETHERLANDS.

SINCE WE ARE DEALING WITH PREDICTIONS ABOUT EACH OTHER'S
BEHAVIOR, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE BE NO PRIVATE
PIECE OF PAPER BETWEEN US. IF YOU AGREE, THEREFORE, I
WILL TREAT THE PIECE OF PAPER YOU GAVE ME SIMPLY AS
AN AIDE MEMOIRE OF OUR CONVERSATION.

ONCE AGAIN, LET ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AT
THIS MEETING, I AGREE THAT THE APPROACH YOU SUGGEST IS
BETTER FOR BOTH OF US PENDING OUR AVIATION POLICY REVIEW
AND DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR BILATERAL AVIATION RELATIONS.

WITH MUCH REGARD. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT DESIRES LAY THIS MATTER TO REST BEFORE
PRIME MINISTER VISIT. EMBASSY SHOULD, THEREFORE,
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ENCOURAGE WESTERTERP TO PURSUE QUESTION PROMPTLY WITH
VIEW TO GIVING US DRAFT DUTCH STATEMENT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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